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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: U.S. AND JAPANESE DELEGATIONS FOR AVIATION
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1. SUMMARY: MOFA HAS WELCOMED APPOINTMENT OF ASST SEC KATZ AS U.S. CHAIRMAN OF CIVAIR NEGOTIATIONS AND HAS AGAIN STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF HIS BEING PRESENT THROUGHOUT NEGOTIATIONS. MOFA WILL CONFIRM GOJ CHAIRMAN (PROBABLY MOFA DEP VICE MIN TAKASHIMA) WITHIN FEW DAYS. TAKASHIMA IS CURRENTLY SCHEDULED TO ACCOMPANY FOREIGN MINISTER TO THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY OPENING AND MOFA MAY REQUEST THAT OPENING OF OCTOBER TALKS IN TOKYO BE POSTPONED ABOUT A WEEK. END SUMMARY.

2. ON AUGUST 18, EMBOFF MET WITH MOFA 1ST N.A. DIVDIR WATANABE TO INFORM GOJ ASST SEC KATZ WILL BE U.S. CHAIRMAN FOR AIR TALKS AND TO CONVEY OTHER POINTS IN REFTEL.

2. WATANABE WELCOMED ASST SEC KATZ APPOINTMENT AS U.S. CHAIRMAN. HE EXPRESSED SOME CONCERN, HOWEVER, OVER PROPOSED OCTOBER FORMAT. JAPANESE SIDE WOULD BE AGREEABLE TO STYLES NEGOTIATING SPECIFIC ISSUES
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DURING SECOND WEEK BUT WOULD EXPECT THAT ASST SEC WOULD CONTINUE TO BE PRESENT FOR TALKS. EVEN IF KATZ IS UNABLE TO ATTEND ALL THE SESSIONS, WATANABE CONTINUED, THE GOJ WOULD ASK THAT HE AT LEAST CONTINUE TO BE PRESENT IN TOKYO. THIS IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GOJ POSITION ALREADY EXPRESSED BY AMERAFF DEPDIRGEN KITAMURA TO MIN BUTTON (TOKYO 11617). WATANABE ALSO

ASKED FOR FURTHER CLARIFICATION OF THE TERM "PARAMETERS"
WHICH EMBOFF THEN DEFINED AS THE BOUNDARIES WITHIN
WHICH NEGOTIATIONS ON EACH SPECIFIC ISSUE WOULD TAKE
PLACE.

4. ALTHOUGH SOME INTERMINISTERIAL JOCKEYING HAS TAKEN PLACE,
MOFA STILL PLANS TO APPOINT DEPVICEMIN TAKASHIMA
AS GOJ CHAIRMAN FOR GOJ SIDE AND HISAYOSHI TERAJ,
CURRENT ADVISOR TO THE MOT MINISTER AND FORMER JCAB
DIR GEN AS DEPUTY CHAIRMAN. HOWEVER, BECAUSE TAKASHIMA
IS SCHEDULED TO ACCOMPANY FONMIN HATOYAMA TO UN
GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN NEW YORK, GOJ MAY HAVE TO REQUEST
THAT THE DATE FOR THE OCTOBER TALKS BE DELAYED ABOUT
A WEEK; I.E., UNTIL OCTOBER 10. WATANABE PROMISE TO
CONFIRM THE GOJ APPOINTMENTS AND THE ABOVE POINT ASAP.
TOKYO AS SITE FOR OCTOBER TALKS AND WASHINGTON AS
SITE FOR NOVEMBER SESSIONS WERE CONFIRMED.

5. COMMENT: THERE HAS BEEN JOCKEYING BETWEEN THE
MOFA AND MOT RE THE APPOINTMENT OF A GOJ CHAIRMAN.
NAMING OF ASST SEC KATZ SHOULD STRENGTHEN MOFA'S
HAND. WASHING IS WELL AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE THE
GOJ PLACES ON THESE TALKS AND EMBASSY ASKS THAT
GOJ REQUEST THAT ASST SEC BE PRESENT THROUGHOUT
NEGOTIATIONS BE MET.

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